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report recommending regular departmental action against the accused has been received in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Although investigations could not establish any criminality on the part of the accused persons, several procedural lapses were revealed on the part of various public servants. But no action could be recommended against them as all of them except one have retired long back. Regular departmental action has been recommended against one official who is still in service.

The final recommendations of CBI are being considered in the Ministry of UD&PA. CBI has been requested to make available the records of the case which are awaited. Necessary action will be taken after obtaining advice of CVC.

(d) CAG report in this case pertained to non-utilisation of the envelope making machines. CAG report had pointed out only the idling of the machines. The CBI case was primarily focussed on investigating criminal conspiracy in the procurement of these machines. The issue of variance in the CBI report and CAG report, therefore, does not arise.

Non-spreading of expenditure throughout the year

2511. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether only three per cent of the Budget of Rs. 2000 crores in 1996-97 was spent in the first 11 months and the rest 97 per cent was spent in March of that year for providing potable drinking water and to improve the sanitation conditions;

(b) if so, whether Government enquired into the matter of not spreading the expenditure throughout the year; and

(c) the action Government propose to bring discipline in the use of public money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Average Allotment of Funds to Districts under Centrally Sponsored Schemes

2512. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the national average of per district allotment of funds under different Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) the annual allocations made during the last five years in fourteen districts of Jammu and Kashmir, district-wise;

(c) whether there are disparities and discrepancies in these allocations; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of this Ministry are allocated State-wise or project-wise and not district-wise.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Approved Projects and Schemes of Urban Development

2513. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects and schemes approved regarding urban development in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to the above States during the said period alongwith the total amount spent thereon, year-wise; and

(c) the targets set for completion of above projects?